

# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: December 2012



This newsletter is dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County solely while the Maryland General Assembly is not in session. Below, you will find a brief description of each of the proposed legislation under consideration by the County Council and a link to view the legislation online.

I hope you find this information helpful and are able to



take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to [Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). You can

also take advantage of the opportunity to sign-up to testify online for Council bills. To do so, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/IframeTemplate.aspx?ID=6442455146>.

## INTRODUCTIONS

All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

## APPOINTMENTS

### CR175-2012

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Deborah Chapman to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### CR176-2012

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Susan Fillmore to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### CR177-2012

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Maurice Simpkins to the Housing Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## GENERAL

### CR178-2012

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 18,992 square feet (.436 acres) of real property owned by Howard County and identified as Lots 9 and 36, Parcel 425, Tax Map 50 located in North Laurel, Howard County, Maryland are no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Cornerstone Homes, Inc.; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR179-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that development rights on approximately 68.1924 acres owned by Howard County, Maryland located at 6555 Belmont Woods Road, ElkrIDGE, Maryland, are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the development rights and, accordingly, place a preservation easement on the property; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the development rights or place the preservation easement if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration; and providing for a certain effective date.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR180-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Office of Law to institute condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court for Howard County, Maryland for the acquisition of a sewer, water and utility easement needed for a public purpose and on land believed to be owned by or assessed to Mary Howard Bruce Smith and known as Bowdoin Road.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR181-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the application and receipt of financing for a Neighborhood Conservation Initiative Project in Howard County, further described in the Neighborhood Conservation Initiative Application, to be financed either directly by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## **FINAL CONSIDERATION**

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Any Amendment that is in brackets { } was not introduced.*

## **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **CR157-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary Bird to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR158-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Facticeau to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR159-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hector J. Garcia, Jr. to the Public Transportation Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR160-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Phyllis Meyerson to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR161-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrew A. Monjan, Ph., D, M.P.H. to the Commission on Aging.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR162-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Maria Mouratidis, Psy. D. to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR163-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the nomination of Maura Rossman, M.D., to be the Health Officer for Howard County; and requiring the nomination to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the appointment of Maura Rossman, M.D., as the Health Officer for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR164-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas Schmidt, R.N. to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR165-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Henry M. Alinger to the Howard County Design Advisory Panel.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR166-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Bita Dayhoff to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR167-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of

Andrea Ingram to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR168-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mitchell W. Stringer to the Pension Oversight Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**FINANCIAL**

**SAO3-FY2013**

**Administrative Explanation**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT transferring \$27,100 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Sheriff's Office for a grant to purchase a fingerprinting system and to provide training on the equipment.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**SAO4-FY2013**

**Administrative Explanation**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT transferring \$585,000.00 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Technology and Communication Services for the PEG/INet Grants from Verizon and Ellicott City Cable Companies.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**GENERAL**

**CB34-2012**

**Administrative Explanation**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for police management employees; making certain positions within the Department of Corrections executive exempt; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB35-2012**

**Administrative Explanation**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the**

### **County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to amend the classification description for the position of Correctional Program Supervisor III within the Department of Corrections; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB36-2012 (ZRA 144)**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning**

AN ACT creating a Community Enhancement Floating District; setting forth uses permitted as of right; excluding certain uses; allowing for certain accessory uses; requiring certain moderate income housing; requiring certain density be obtained through the density exchange option or through the neighborhood preservation density exchange option; requiring certain features or amenities as community enhancements; setting forth certain criteria and procedures for the establishment of a Community Enhancement Floating District; requiring certain plans; allowing certain modifications under certain conditions; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB37-2012 GPA 2012 PBR**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending PlanHoward 2030, the general plan for Howard County, by defining Growth Tiers, as required by the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012; specifying additional designated place types to correspond with the Growth Tiers; revising certain maps to reflect the additional designated place types; adding new text to describe Growth Tiers and adding new maps; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB38-2012 (ZRA 140)**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of Kellogg CCP LLP, c/o Preston Scheffenacker Properties, Inc.**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit the TOD District regulations to

allow multi-family dwellings as a permitted use subject to certain criteria; amending the commercial use requirements concerning the building-type; allowing drive-through services subject to certain criteria; generally relating to residential and commercial uses in the TOD zoning district; and generally relating to the Zoning Regulations.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB39-2012 (ZRA 142)**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of Bith Energy, Inc.**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit Commercial Solar Facilities as a Conditional Use in the RC and RR zoning district subject to certain criteria; and generally related to the Zoning Regulations.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB40-2012**

**Introduced By, Calvin Ball, Jennifer Terrasa, and Courtney Watson**

AN ACT providing a hiring preference in County government for qualified individuals and veterans with disabilities; providing for policies related to the hiring preference; and generally relating to County hiring practices.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB41-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the allocation categories used in the Housing Unit Allocation Chart, clarifying certain definitions, providing for the application of this Act, and generally relating to adequate public facilities in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR156-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION to close a portion of Riverwood Drive, as shown in Exhibits A and B, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR169-2012**

#### **Introduced By, Courtney Watson**

A RESOLUTION to encourage the General Assembly to provide the necessary resources to appropriate agencies to implement the use of multidisciplinary teams to address bullying, harassment, and intimidation among students.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR170-2012**

#### **Administrative Explanation**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2013 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County; and providing for a certain effective date.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR171-2012**

#### **Administrative Explanation**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development; and providing for a certain effective date.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR172-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adding certain sites to the Cemeteries and Grave Sites Inventory.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR173-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that .4966 acres of land known as a portion of Riverwood Drive owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title

to the adjacent property owner, 7200 Riverwood LLC, a subsidiary of COPT Development and Construction Services, LLC; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the property interest if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR174-2012**

#### **Administrative Explanation**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT removing a provision in Council Resolution No. 143-2006 that required certain construction on or before December 31, 2008 or the County's acceptance of a portion of Forrest Avenue would be null and void.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **TABLED**

### **CR150-2011**

#### **Introduced By, Greg Fox**

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action: Tabled 10/3/2011*

*Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson*

*Nay – Council Member Ball*

## **THE PROCESS**

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed

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Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

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*"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others." ~  
Dalai Lama*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, November 26, 2012 at 4:30pm: Work Session
- Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Monday, December 10, 2012 at 4:30pm: Monthly Meeting C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/displayprimary.aspx?ID=6442459444>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting [www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_WatchUs.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

*Calvin Ball*

Dr. Calvin Ball